Upon entry of the present paper, claims 16-18 and 27-29 will have been amended to eliminate language informalities and typographic errors.

Upon review of Applicants' claims, in the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowance dated June 14, 2010, Applicants note that claims 16-18 and 27-29 include minor typographical errors, and respectfully request correction of the same. More specifically, a duplicate of comma is deleted in each of claims 16-18, 27 and 28. Further, the term "in data storage" after "receiving" in each of claims 28 and 29, which were added by the above-noted Examiner's Amendment, are replaced with — by a command receiver —. Since the Examiner amended claims 26 and 27 to add "by a command receiver" in the similar context, the term "in data storage" in claims 28 and 29" should be similarly changed for improved language consistency.

Although the present amendment is being submitted after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, and although an amendment may not be made as a matter of right after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants submit that entry of the amendment is appropriate to correct minor typographical errors in each of claims 16-18, 27, 28 and 29 that do not effect the scope of the claims or continue prosecution. Applicants also submit that the present amendment does not require any additional search, that only a cursory review of the record is necessary, and that the present amendment does not involve materially additional work on the part of the USPTO. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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